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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL AND REQUEST FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

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**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR HANDLING  
MEMBRANES**

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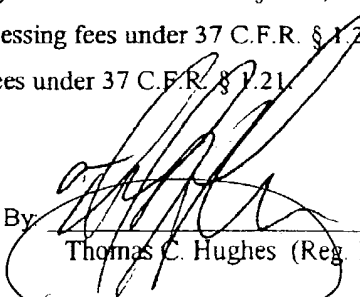
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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for entry in the above-identified application:

1. No additional claim fees are believed due.
2. Applicants also respectfully request a **three-month extension of time** in which to respond to the Office Action, for which a response period expiring on February 26, 2004 was set. The extended period for response expires on May 26, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extension fee of \$475.00 to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
3. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**:
  - A. Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16;
  - B. Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;
  - C. Any additional patent issue fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18;
  - D. Any additional document supply fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.19;
  - E. Any additional post-patent processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20; or
  - F. Any additional miscellaneous fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.21.
4. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

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